



# Grants To States For School Emergency Management Planning (SEMP)

## FACT SHEET

### What Is School Emergency Management Planning (SEMP)?

Lessons learned from school emergencies such as the tragic events of Sandy Hook highlight the importance of preparing school officials and first responders to develop and implement **emergency operations plans (EOPs)**. By having plans in place to keep **students** and **staff safe**, schools play a key role in taking **preventative** and **protective measures** to *stop* an emergency from occurring OR *reduce* the impact of an incident.

Although schools are not traditional response organizations, when **a school-based emergency occurs**, **school personnel** respond immediately. They provide first aid, notify response partners and provide instructions *before* first responders arrive. They also work with community partners and governmental organizations that have a responsibility identified in the school EOP to provide a cohesive, **coordinated response** to events as they unfold. Community partners include first responders – law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical service and emergency management personnel – as well as public and mental health entities.

### Why Is SEMP Important?

Each school day our Nation's schools are **entrusted** to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for approximately **55 million elementary** and **secondary** school students in **public** and **nonpublic** schools. Families and communities expect schools to keep their children safe from **threats** (human-caused emergencies such as crime and violence) and **hazards** (natural disasters, disease outbreaks and accidents).

Local schools need to be prepared to **respond** and **meet** the challenges of **natural** or **man-made emergencies** or **disaster events**. In collaboration with **local government** and **community partners**, schools can take steps to **plan** for these potential emergencies through the creation of a school EOP – a school-based plan that *specifically addresses* the development of **all-hazards**, **high-quality** emergency operations plans.

### What Is Louisiana's Goal In School EOP Development?

Louisiana's goal for school EOP development is to help ensure *every* student, teacher and school employee is in a **safe** and **secure** facility and prepared to respond in the event of an emergency or disaster incident. To help achieve that goal, Act 313 of the 2001 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session **mandates** that *all elementary* and **secondary** public schools **prepare**, **maintain** and **exercise** a crisis management and response plan.

Today those plans are known as *High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans* or High-Quality EOPs.

### What Help Is Available To Schools For Developing EOPs?

The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) – in partnership with the Louisiana Department of Education (LADOE) – is pleased to offer assistance in developing and implementing High-Quality EOPs.

This opportunity is provided by a grant from the **U. S. Department of Education (DOE)** through the **Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance (REMS TA) Center**. Grants are awarded through the *Grants to States for School Emergency Management Planning (SEMP)* program.

### What Is The Purpose Of The SEMP Grant?

Beyond providing assistance to local school districts for emergency operations planning, the SEMP grant hopes to **build capacity** at the district and local levels for ongoing **all-hazards emergency operations planning**. The ultimate goal is to ensure school and campus **safety** and the **appropriate response** from on-scene staff in the event of an emergency or disaster.



## What Does The Program Include?

The program includes:

- Stakeholder outreach, meetings, round tables, training and exercise. (See side bar.)
- Creation of a plan-development and implementation Toolkit.
- Phased data collection.
- Assistance with plan review and feedback at the district level.

## What Are The Training Opportunities?

The Louisiana SEMP Team has developed a robust training component. Classes are being offered **online** as well as **in-classroom**. (See side bar.)

## Who Should Participate?

If you are a school district superintendent, risk manager, building maintenance staff responsible for school security, security staff, designated point of contact (POC) for this grant OR if you are a stakeholder in school campus safety, *you should be involved* in this program.

## Are Parochial + Private Schools Included In This Initiative?

Through the website and train-the-trainer training opportunities at the district level, all **public, parochial** and **charter** schools throughout Louisiana will have access to needed plan development guidance.

## When Does All This Happen?

During the **18-month** grant cycle, the program will provide the following:

- January – April:** Phase I and II Data Collection
- June:** 9 Regional Statewide KickOff Workshops
- August – September:** A series of Round Table meetings
- October – December:** 9 Regional TableTop Exercises
- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016:** District *After Action Reports* (AAR) and Plan Revisions
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016:** District Plan Review
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016:** Closing Survey (Phase III Data Collection) and Wrap up

Look for coming announcements!

### Training Opportunities

#### ONLINE

**FEMA offers** online Independent Study (IS) courses, including:

- ICS-100 *Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS)*
- ICS-200 *ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents*
- IS-700 *National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction*
- IS-800 *National Response Framework (NRF), An Introduction*

**REMS TA Center** offers **online** K-12 emergency plan-development training, including:

- *Developing Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) K-12 Online Training*

#### ON-SITE

**GOHSEP offers in-classroom** courses as a part of its regular training schedule, including:

- AWR-148 *Crisis Management for School-based Incidents*
- *School-based Threat and Risk Vulnerability Assessment*
- ICS-300 *Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents*
- ICS-400 *Advanced ICS*

**GOHSEP is coordinating** K-12 emergency management training-by-request (TBR) opportunities provided by **REMA TA Center** at NO CHARGE, including:

- *Developing Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) K-12 101 Train-the-Educator Training*
- *Developing Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) K-12 101 Train-the-Trainer Training*

### REGIONAL STATEWIDE KICKOFF WORKSHOPS

DATE	REGION	TIME	LOCATION
June 2, 2015	2	10:00a-11:30a	Dalton Woods Auditorium, LSU Center for Energy Studies, Baton Rouge, LA
June 8, 2015	1	10:00a-11:30a	Bonnabel High School, 2801 Bruin Drive, Kenner, LA
June 10, 2015	9	10:00a-11:30a	Tangipahoa Parish Environmental Services, 15485 W. Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA
June 16, 2015	3	10:00a-11:30a	St. Charles Sheriff's Office, 260 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway, Luling, LA
June 17, 2015	4	10:00a-11:30a	Abdallah Hall, 635 Cajundome Boulevard, Lafayette, LA
June 18, 2015	5	10:00a-11:30a	Calcasieu Parish Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 901 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 200, Lake Charles, LA
June 23, 2015	6	10:00a-11:30a	Mega Shelter, 8125 Highway 71 South, Alexandria, LA
June 24, 2015	8	10:00a-11:30a	Ouachita Parish Fire Training, 1000 New Natchitoches Road, West Monroe, LA
June 25, 2015	7	10:00a-11:30a	Bossier Sheriff's Office Sub-Station, 2510 Viking Drive, Bossier City, LA